

speak very quickly. I rise in support of Senator Warner's motion to bring LB 611 to the floor of the Legislature. Without any question our Medicaid costs are out of hand, are not controlled and seemingly are not controllable. Senator Warner has simply provided by LB 611 a methodology whereby the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare will have the ability at least to attempt to deal with our rising Medicaid costs. Whether the Department will so deal with our rising Medicaid costs in the manner that they could deal with them under this bill, you and I simply don't know. But we at least have to give it the tool, the basic tool to do something about the growth in Medicaid costs which are impacting enormously on our state budget and our ability to provide other services to our citizenry. I support the motion.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the motion in regard to LB 611? If not, do you wish to close, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I assume since it requires 30 votes maybe I ought to ask for a Call of the House before closing, if I may.

PRESIDENT: A Call of the House has been requested. The question is shall the House come under Call. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. The House is under Call. All members return to the Chamber, record your presence. All members within the Chamber, your proper place is in your seat. Please record your presence. The Sergeant at Arms will make attempt to find senators who are not excused who should now return to the Chamber for the purposes of registering their presence and to facilitate a vote on a motion on LB 611. The House is under Call. Senator Jacobson, record your presence please. Senator Abboud, please record your presence. Senator Eret, please record your presence. Senator Beutler. Senator Eret, please record your presence. Senator Pirsch, Senator Higgins, Senator Pappas, Senator Wagner, Senator Warner, record your presence. Senator Schmit, Senator Pappas, Senator Wiitala, please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The House is under Call. Senator Chambers and Senator Higgins also. Members please report back to the Chamber and record your presence. Senator Pappas, Senator Schmit, Senator Chambers, Senator Wiitala. 43 members